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Church Hours

Daily, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

M-F, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

School Office Hours

M-F, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



WELCOME

Welcome to St. Gertrude Parish—it is good that you are here!

Whether this is your first time worshiping with us or you have been here many times and want to become a parishioner—or you have questions about the Catholic faith and want to learn more—our parish bulletin and website, stgertrude.org, are great places to start.

We look forward to getting to know you and accompanying you on your faith journey.

MISSION: Who We Are

We are a Roman Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that is shaped and enlivened by the charism of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). We teach and preach the Truth, reverently celebrate the liturgy and sacraments, and gather as a community so that all may encounter Jesus here.

VISION: Who We Aspire to Be

To be a community of disciples united in our Eucharistic Lord and sent to transform the world in the light of the Gospel.

BECOME A PARISHIONER

Ready to join our vibrant parish of missionary disciples?

Register as a parishioner at stgertrude.org/register. Paper copies of the registration form are also available in the parish office.



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PODCAST

Listen to our parish podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts!

If you have any suggestions for future episodes, email podcast@stgertrude.org.



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Been away for a while or curious about Catholicism?

WE WOULD LOVE TO WALK WITH YOU.

To connect with us, get your questions answered, and learn about returning to the Church or becoming Catholic, scan the QR code or contact Tyler Castrucci tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.





It's been several months since Deacon Mike Muse, O.P., became our parish's permanent deacon—a clergy member that we're not used to having at St. Gertrude Parish. You may be wondering, *What is the role of a deacon?* and *What is the difference between a permanent deacon and a transitional deacon?*

To provide some clarity, I asked Deacon Mike to address these questions. I hope you find the following explanation informative and insightful.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P., Pastor



PERMANENT VERSUS TRANSITIONAL DEACON

*By Deacon Mike Muse, O.P.
Permanent Deacon*

In a conversation with Father John Paul, I mentioned that a number of people have asked if I can anoint the sick and that many times after

Mass people say to me, "Thank you for Mass, Father." Since many people are not used to having a permanent deacon at St. Gertrude Parish, Father John Paul suggested that it might be of interest to share with all of you what a deacon does—as far as his role in the hierarchy of ordained ministers—and the differences between permanent and transitional deacons.

In the Catholic Church, a deacon is an ordained minister configured to Christ the Servant. "The divinely instituted ecclesiastical ministry is exercised in different degrees by those who even from ancient times have been called bishops, priests, and deacons" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1554), and it is rooted in the earliest life of the Church, when the Apostles, in Acts 6:1-7, appointed helpers to ensure that the community's needs were met. This allowed the Apostles to "devote themselves to prayer and serving the word" (Acts 6:4, NSRV).

A priest and a deacon share the sacrament of Holy Orders, but they participate in it differently—especially when it comes to the sacraments they can celebrate. A priest is ordained to act in persona Christi (in the person of Christ), which gives him the authority to celebrate the Eucharist, hear confessions, anoint the sick, and confirm when delegated by the bishop. The *Catechism* teaches that priests are "co-workers of the episcopal order" who are "configured to Christ the priest" (CCC 1563). Therefore, they

are ordinary ministers of most of the Church's sacramental life. A deacon, however, is ordained not to the priesthood but to "a ministry of service" (CCC 1569). Deacons can baptize, witness marriages, proclaim the Gospel, preach, preside at funerals outside of Mass, and assist at the altar, but they cannot consecrate the Eucharist, absolve sins, or anoint the sick. As the *Catechism* summarizes, deacons assist in the Church's worship and dedicate themselves to "various ministries of charity" (CCC 1570). In this way, priests primarily minister through sacramental leadership, while deacons serve through charity, preaching, and liturgical assistance.

A **permanent deacon** is ordained to remain a deacon for life. He is usually not permitted to enter formation until the age of 33 or older and must be ordained by his 69th birthday per the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. He may be married (before ordination), widowed but not able to remarry, or single and committed to celibacy. Permanent deacons often have secular careers and family responsibilities.

A **transitional deacon** is a man preparing for priesthood. He is ordained a deacon typically for one year before being ordained a priest. His diaconate forms him in service, trains him in preaching, and introduces him to sacramental ministry. He receives the same sacramental character as a permanent deacon, but his vocation continues toward priesthood. The only difference in the Rite of Ordination of a permanent deacon versus a transitional deacon is the promise made to remain celibate. A single or widowed permanent deacon promises the same—to remain celibate. The difference is "permanent deacons would live and work in the middle of the lay population and the secular world, they could exercise the role of 'bridge or mediation between the hierarchy and the faithful'" (*Diakonia of Christ*, pg. 68).

Our summer deacon, Brother Samuel, is a transitional deacon preparing at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., for the priesthood. He was at St. Gertrude Parish for the summer to be fully immersed in the life of the church. He assisted at Mass daily, preached, baptized, brought Holy Communion to the homebound, performed funerals outside of Mass, led prayer services, and gave a number of talks. He will be a deacon for a year and then, by the grace of God, ordained to the priesthood in May 2027. I, on the other hand, was ordained in 2019 as a permanent deacon. I am married, have a child, and work for the Catholic Church as my full time job. "The permanent diaconate was not perceived as a call to the priesthood, but as a distinct ministry in the service of the Church" (*Diakonia of Christ*, pg. 68). Both Brother Samuel and I share the same Order of Deacon, with the differences being that he is vowed to celibacy and will be ordained to the priesthood.

REGISTER NOW!



CHILDREN & YOUTH Faith Formation Registration

Sign up now for the following faith formation programs—classes begin soon!

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (age 3–grade 3)
- Sacramental Formation (generally grade 2)
- Family Faith (grades 4–6)
- Confirmation Preparation (grades 7–8)



Visit tinyurl.com/Formation2627 or scan the QR code for details and to register.

Try Omega!

Do you feel stuck in your faith journey? Do you desire a deeper relationship with Jesus but aren't sure what the next step is?

Omega is designed to help you get unstuck. This seven-week discipleship journey helps you rediscover what it means to follow Jesus every day—to hear his voice, grow in holiness, discover your mission, and share the gift of faith with others. If your relationship with Christ needs renewal, encouragement, or a deeper foundation, Omega is for you.

September 14–October 26, 2026

Mondays | 7–9 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby



Visit tinyurl.com/2026Omega or scan the QR code to sign up.



A TALK ON Polarization in the Church



All are invited to talk by Father Aaron Wessman from Glenmary Home Missioners on the important topic of polarization in the Church. Father Wessman's talk will draw on themes and ideas from his book, *The Church's Mission in a Polarized World*.

"I wrote this book to provide some assistance to readers to discern a way out of the toxicity in which we live, and to stimulate courage and hope so that all people can see the age in which we live more clearly and respond with the grace necessary to follow more fully the call God has spoken..."

– Father Robert Aaron Wessman

September 23 | 6:30–7:30 p.m. | St. Dominic Lobby

WOMEN'S Retreat

Life With Mary: Saying "Yes" to Christ in Every Season

All women are invited to St. Gertrude Parish's first women's retreat! Inspired by Caryll Houselander's classic, *The Reed of God*, Fr. Louis Bethea, O.P., will lead reflections on journeying with Mary through every stage of life. Whether you are discerning your vocation, raising young kids, a spiritual mother, or an empty nester, this retreat has something for you.

- ✓ Mass and an opportunity for confession
- ✓ Spiritual talks and discussion
- ✓ Eucharistic adoration and personal prayer

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Jesuit Spiritual Center

5361 S Milford Rd, Milford, OH 45150

Cost: \$45 (includes lunch, snacks, and materials)



Visit tinyurl.com/LifeWithMary or scan the code to sign up.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JUNIOR HIGH KICKOFF

FUN COMPETITION • FOOD • FAITH

SEPTEMBER 25

6-8 P.M. | PARISH CENTER

All 7th and 8th graders are invited!

YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, October 24 | 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Join us on a one-day pilgrimage to the Monastery of St. Clare in Cincinnati. The day includes talks, prayer, and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Francis. Space is limited! The cost is \$10, which covers lunch and snacks. Sign up at tinyurl.com/2026StFrancis. A plenary indulgence may be obtained by satisfying the usual requirements.

L'ALTO: HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF EVENT RECAP

On Sunday, August 23, St. Gertrude Parish high schoolers gathered to kick off the year with our epic colored powder fight! It was so wonderful to play games, enjoy a delicious potluck, and pray together as we look toward the year ahead.

Did you miss the kickoff? Anyone in 9th-12th grade is welcome to join us on Sunday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Center anytime throughout the year!



LIFE FORWARD COLLECTION | SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

Before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) this weekend. September 12 and 13, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for Life Forward. Life Forward supports women and their families in making life-affirming decisions regarding pregnancy and currently provides pregnancy testing, ultrasound services, referrals to community services, and education. **Requested items:** Enfamil Infant Formula (yellow label), Enfamil Gentlease Formula (purple label), wipes (hypoallergenic/fragrance free), diapers (size 1-4), sleepers (size preemie-6 months, unisex), and Pack-n-Plays. Thank you for your generous support. If you have any questions about Life Forward or the Ladies of Charity, call Jean Wilkinson, at (513) 498-5085.



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BULLDOGS BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

All boys in grades 3-8 of St. Gertrude Parish are invited to join the 2026-2027 Bulldogs boys basketball program. The season runs November-February. Registration is open through September 25 and is \$110. Late registration (September 26-October 2) is \$160. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/stgbulldogs. **Coaches Needed:** Interested in coaching? Coach signup is open through September 25. Email stgertrudeboysbasketball@gmail.com.



WELCOME

NEW PARISHIONERS

Marie Aguirre
Scott & Katherine Baron
Joseph Huschart
Bradford Manderfield

Richard & Ann Ortlepp
Justin & Elizabeth Paulinelli
Bradley & Barbara Powell



Let Us PRAY

THE SICK

Gloria Bell, John & Joy Belperio, Johnny Burns, James Caldwell, Vicki Calonge, Meghan Craft, Triset Defonseka, Diana Doll, Lisa Ely, Stefanie Flynn, Ron Freudenber, Will Freudenber, Dick Gelhaus, Goad Family, Mark Holland, Hummel Family, Steve Kaimer, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, William Kimura, Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Jim Lydon, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Tom McLaughlin, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Romualdo Pelle, Jerry Pfeiffer Family, Fran Pishotti, Octavio Flores Resendiz, Paula Scalo, Don Schoo, Nancy Silvers, Chuck Stalzer, Sy Swart, Beth Stoll, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Conner Duté, Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Miles Mayer, Charles Mayer, John Murdock Jr., John Oscar, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Michael Stein, Ian Tester, Jack Thornton, and Gus Voto

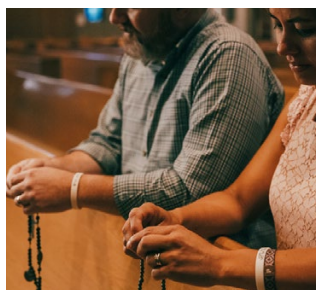
THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† Louis Finkelmeier, husband of Carole



SOUP KITCHEN SIGNUP | SEPTEMBER 13

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati? St. Gertrude Parish parishioners will be serving lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on Sunday, September 27, and Sunday, October 18. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries. Sign up outside (or in the St. Dominic Lobby in case of bad weather) before or after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Mass this Sunday, September 13. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org.



ROSARY & SPEAKER | SEPTEMBER 15

Join the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 this Tuesday, September 15, at 7 p.m. in the church to pray the rosary and hear Adriana Vasquez, St. Gertrude Parish parishioner and Archdiocese of Cincinnati director of Marriage & Family Evangelization, speak on the topic of Marriage and the Eucharist. There will be an opportunity for Q&A after Adriana's remarks. Please note: There will not be a social/refreshments after the rosary or presentation.



FUN BUNCH IS BACK | SEPTEMBER 15

Everyone age 55+ is invited to join us this Tuesday, September 15, at 12:15 p.m. in the St. Dominic Lobby for the first Fun Bunch gathering of the fall. Father John Langlois, O.P., will give a presentation on his pilgrimage experience, In the Footsteps of St. Dominic. Lunch will be pizza. All are invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink. Please visit tinyurl.com/SeptemberFun to let us know what you are bringing. Walk-ins are welcome. If you plan to come, RSVP to Diane Kennedy at (513) 791-6075 or mkenedy06@aol.com so we can have an estimated headcount for food. We hope you will join us—and bring a friend!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE SIGNUP | SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

40 Days for Life is an international pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil outside of Planned Parenthood to end abortion. The fall 40 Days for Life Campaign is September 23 through November 1. St. Gertrude Parish will participate in the campaign on Thursday, September 24, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue). Sign up after any Mass next weekend, September 19 and 20 to participate. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Campbell at lisaredig61@gmail.com or (865) 455-4795.



LECTOR TRAINING | SEPTEMBER 21

Anyone wishing to join the lector ministry is invited to attend our lector training on Monday, September 21, from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. in the church. The training is not mandatory for current lectors; however, you are more than welcome to come to receive feedback on your lectoring. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at (513) 561-5954 or parishoffice@stgertrude.org.

This WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:15 p.m. | St. John Vianney Prayer Group (St. Joseph Room)
7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church or Rosary Garden)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

12:15 p.m. | Fun Bunch (St. Dominic Lobby)
7 p.m. | Boy Scouts (School Playground)
7 p.m. | Rosary & Speaker (Church)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:15 a.m. | Preschool Pups (School Library)
3 p.m. | Rosary Makers (St. Joseph Room)
6:30 p.m. | Cub Scouts Den Meeting (School Cafeteria)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:10 p.m. | Young Adult Group Happy Hour (Hoppin' Vines)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

St. Gertrude School Closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:30 p.m. | 40 Days for Life Signup (Outside)
5:45 p.m. | Ladies Bunco Night (Gym)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. | 40 Days for Life Signup (Outside)
7 p.m. | L'alto: High School Youth Ministry Night (Parish Center)

BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

Eucharistic guardians are people who sign up for and commit to a weekly Holy Hour in our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel. The chapel is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and overnight on Wednesday. **We need at least two people signed up for every hour; many spots are available.** To learn more or sign up, scan the QR code, or visit stgertrude.org/adoration.



MISCARRIAGE KIT BOX

Are you or someone you know facing a first trimester miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries has provided our parish with a box of free miscarriage kits to support your physical and emotional needs during your tragic loss. The box is located in the landscape bed to the left of the circle drive in front of the church. If you have questions about the kit, call Heaven's Gain at (513) 888-4200. Learn more about Heaven's Gain's services at heavensgain.org. We also encourage you to contact one of our parish priests so we can help you along your grieving journey.



PARISH PICNIC RECAP

On Saturday, August 22, our parish family gathered after the 4:30 p.m. Mass for our annual potluck picnic. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this fun end-of-the-summer event, especially those who brought a dish to share!



MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

Did you know that we have a St. Gertrude Parish Endowment and a St. Gertrude School Endowment? A gift to either of these endowments now will leave a legacy that will provide for our parish and school for years to come! For more information, contact Hope Ramundo at hramundo@stgertrude.org. To give, visit bit.ly/parishendow or bit.ly/schoolendow. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

ARE YOU IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS?

God is always ready to forgive. Experience his merciful love through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests are available to hear confessions Monday–Friday at 4 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 3:30 p.m., or by appointment.



LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

All women ages 16+ are invited! No experience necessary. This year's theme is "Red, White, and Bunco" in honor of America's 250th anniversary! Tickets are \$25 each and include drinks, hearty small bites throughout the night, and dessert. Don't forget to bring cash for Split the Pot games!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. | Game starts at 6:15 p.m.

To register, scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/LadiesBur2026.



Does your child love to sing and have a passion for music?

Our Schola Cantorum may be the perfect fit!

The Schola Cantorum is a mixed-voice ensemble that consists of children ages 8–13 and professional singers from the Cincinnati area. As part of this choir, children:

- Learn the great music of the Church.
- Receive private voice lessons.
- Develop skills in reading music, ear training, music theory, and sight-singing.
- Sing weekly at 12 p.m. Sunday Mass.

Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30–4:45 p.m., during the school year.

To learn more and sign up, scan the QR code, visit stgertrude.org/schola.



Upcoming *Young Adult Events*

All young adults (ages 18–35) are invited to join us for these fun events!

**Thursday,
September
17**

Holy/Happy Hour | 7 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church / Hoppin' Vines
Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration during a Holy Hour, followed by drinks. Priests will be available for confession.

**Thursday,
September
24**

Watch Party | 7 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby
Join us for a Venerable Fulton Sheen Watch Party in honor of his beatification.

**Thursday,
October
1**

Karaoke | 7 p.m.
St. Gertrude School Cafeteria
Bring your best singing voice and come to an epic night of Karaoke!

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT **Pancake Breakfast**

Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, and fellowship with your St. Gertrude Parish family! (Gluten-free pancakes and dairy-free scrambled eggs available.)

Children 5 and Under FREE
Children Grades K-8 \$5
Adult \$10
Family \$35

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
8:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.
GYM

All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program, an initiative that provides new winter coats for needy children.



Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Elder Council #1195.





OUR MOTHER'S PRESENCE IN OUR SCHOOL

By Sister Mariana Thayer, O.P.
St. Gertrude School Vice Principal

This past Tuesday, September 8, the Church celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At

St. Gertrude School, peals of "Happy Birthday, Mary!" came from classrooms as students celebrated the Mother of God with the joyful familiarity that comes from growing up immersed in a vibrant Catholic culture.

That culture is cultivated each day through the dedication of our teachers, who help students encounter the faith in their lessons, traditions, prayers, and celebrations. It is also reflected in the physical beauty of our school building.

Parishioners visiting the school may notice several new pieces of sacred art hanging in our hallways this year. Last May, after spending the school year encountering and studying Marian art, students were invited to vote for their favorite piece of art among seven works. The favorite piece selected by students in grades K-4 would be purchased for the upstairs hallway, while students in grades 5-8 would choose an image for the lower hallway.

Remarkably, both groups chose the same painting: *Our Lady of the Olives* by Italian artist Nicolò Barabino. Two copies now hang in the school, one in each hallway.

In this beautiful image, Our Lady draws the Christ Child close beneath the folds of her mantle. It is a fitting image to watch over the halls of our parish school and a beautiful reminder for all of us: we, too, live beneath the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin, who always draws us closer to her Son.

PRESCHOOL PUPS STORYTIME

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Preschool Pups Storytime of the season! It was such a joy to welcome so many little ones for a morning of stories, songs, and time together. A special thank you to Sister Rosaria, who led our guests in song. The library was filled with so many smiles and sweet voices.

Join us for our next Preschool Pups Storytime on Wednesday, September 16, at 10:15 a.m. in the St. Gertrude School library. All families with young children are welcome!

We have a wonderful year ahead for our littlest friends. Along with our regular storytimes, Preschool Pups will celebrate the seasons of the Church year with special events, including an All Saints' Day costume party, Cocoa with St. Nicholas, an Easter egg hunt, and more. We hope to see you and your little ones!



APPLY FOR THE 2027-2028 SGS SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1

Give your child the gift of a Catholic education at your parish school! Parishioners interested in applying for the 2027-2028 school year may submit applications starting October 1, 2026. The general public may begin applying November 1, 2026. Spots are limited! To schedule a private tour, scan the code and a member of our admissions team will contact you.



FALL OPEN HOUSE | OCTOBER 28, 9-11 A.M.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Fall Open House on Wednesday, October 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. Discover the education that sets our graduates apart. Explore our classrooms, experience our curriculum, and meet the families that call SGS home. **RSVP today!**

Unable to attend but still interested in experiencing an SGS Open House? Join us during Catholic Schools Week for additional Open House times.



Liturgical SCHEDULE & Mass INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Madeline Wiggins by Mary Vetter

8 a.m. | Mass – † Father Tom Barnes by The Cremons Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – Healing of the Church and Victims of Abuse

4 p.m. | Confessions

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | OUR LADY OF SORROWS (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family

8 a.m. | Mass – Cecilia Jansen by The Schmid Family

9 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

4 p.m. | Confessions

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | STS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Joseph Stegman by Jenny & John Ward

8 a.m. | Mass – † Jack Holt by The Pavloff Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Jerry Quatman by Patricia Connelly

4 p.m. | Confessions

7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | WEEKDAY

7 a.m. | Mass – Gianna Bailey by Margaret Kaufman

8 a.m. | Mass – † Gertrude Stuntebeck by Jeanne Johantges

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Justin Kinzie by Mark & Dorothy Miller

4 p.m. | Confessions

7 p.m. | Young Adult Group Holy Hour

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | ST. JUAN MACIAS, O.P. (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Mildred & Donald Busson by Robert & Joan Ragusa

8 a.m. | Mass – Tom Hahn & Family by Finance Council

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Susan Collett by St. Gertrude Parish

4 p.m. | Confessions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – John A. Pachuk by The Pachuk Family

11:30 a.m. | Mass – † John Bough Jr. by John Bough

3:30 p.m. | Confessions

4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Ruth Lydon by The Lydon Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 a.m. | Mass – † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp

10 a.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish

12 p.m. | Mass – † Gail Bechtold by Steve Leverone

6 p.m. | Mass – † Alfred White Jr. by The Runk Family



PASTORAL CARE

Are you or a loved one unable to attend Mass due to illness or being homebound? As a sign of Christ's love, our parish community earnestly desires to bring comfort and healing to these individuals. **Please call the parish office at (513) 561-5954, and we will direct you to the most appropriate ministry.**

Here are ways we can help you:

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This healing sacrament is given to those facing serious physical or mental illness, advanced age, or surgery due to one of these. When one is near death, anointing is offered as part of the Last Rites, along with the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Communion to the Sick or Homebound

Our priests and lay ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to individuals who are unable to attend Sunday Mass due to illness or being homebound. This important ministry is a vital sign of the parish community's love and support for all of our members.

Prayers for the Sick or Deceased

Each week, our bulletin lists the names of individuals who are sick or recently deceased so that our entire parish community may pray for them. Simply contact the parish office to add yourself or a family member to this list.

PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING

Is your loved one actively dying? Contact our Prayer Ministry for the Dying. Members of this ministry pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those approaching death. To request prayers for your loved one, please call Pat Collins at (513) 265-1897. If you would like to join this ministry, visit stgertrude.org/prayersforthedying to learn more.

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT THE SHRINE

Heritage Day Celebration is a free, family-friendly annual event at Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics (2291 St. Johns Rd., Maria Stein, OH), on Sunday, September 20, from 12 to 4 p.m. The day includes chapel tours, burgers and hot dogs, a pie contest, a chili contest, an auction, a sweet tooth booth, a lemonade stand, Bingo, a FFA petting zoo, face painting, a tractor show, a basket raffle, \$1,000 raffle, and more. Sign up for the pie baking contest and/or chili contest or purchase your raffle tickets at mariasteinshrine.org/heritage-day-celebration.

HEARTS AWAKE: A RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic singles age 20–50 who are free to discern marriage are invited to Hearts Awake the weekend of September 18–20 at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center in Peebles, Ohio. This is an opportunity for single Catholic adults to encounter the Lord, build authentic community, and discern God's call in their lives. Cost is a freewill offering. Overnight rooms available; space is limited. Scan the QR code to learn more.



GOLF FORE LIFE 2026

Pregnancy Center Plus invites you to Golf Fore Life 2026 on Monday, September 21, at Terrace Park Country Club (5341 South Milford Road, Milford, OH). Enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, golfer gifts, lunch, dinner, beverages, and fun contests throughout the day! Check-in is at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Golf tickets go quickly, so be sure to register early: single golfer (\$250), twosome (\$500), foursome (\$1,000). After golf, celebrate at the clubhouse at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner and open bar, fellowship, and a silent auction. The online auction is open September 7–21. For more information and to register, visit tinyurl.com/GolfForeLife2026.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Attend a complimentary Pre-Planning Seminar at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery—owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati—on Tuesday, September 22, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. Make end-of-life decisions with clarity and peace of mind. To RSVP, email community@gateofheaven.org or call (513) 489-0300.

CYCLE PREP: FIRST PERIOD FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP

This workshop for parents and their daughters ages 9–11 is designed to help girls learn about the menstrual cycle and how to prepare for their first—and future—periods in a fun, age-appropriate, and confidence-building way. Led by certified NFP instructor Heidi Schaap, the workshop is October 10, 2026, at Montezuma Retreat Center (Celina, OH) from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30 per family. Please visit tinyurl.com/CyclePrep-Celina or scan the QR code to register online.



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Where is the Holy Spirit Leading Us?

As part of Synod 2027, Archbishop Casey invites each of us to participate in a Conversations in the Spirit listening session. Join others across our archdiocese in prayerfully considering what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church at this time, thereby assisting Archbishop Casey as he establishes pastoral priorities for the future.

There are approximately 60 sessions scheduled between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

Register today at
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sunday, September 6, 2026	
Collection	\$49,340
Weekly Budget	\$49,020
Weekly Surplus	\$320
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2027	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$487,137
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$490,196
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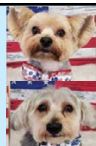
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